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## UTILITY APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No.: TOYA136.001C1

First Named Inventor: Hiroaki Okamoto

Title: NON-B NON-C NON-G HEPATITIS VIRUS GENE,  
POLYNUCLEOTIDE, POLYPEPTIDE, VIRION,  
METHOD FOR SEPARATING VIRION, AND METHOD  
FOR DETECTING VIRUS

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### APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (X) Specification in 67 pages.
- (X) Drawings in 16 sheets.
- (X) Preliminary Amendment and Submission of Sequence Listing in 5 pages.
- (X) Declaration and Power of Attorney by Inventors in 2 pages.
  - (X) Copy from parent application
  - (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
  - (X) Examiner in prior application: Scheiner, Laurie A.
  - (X) Group Art Unit of prior application: 1648
- (X) Sequence Submission Statement included in Preliminary Amendment, and
  - (X) Sequence Listing on paper in 27 pages

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### CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

Application	Relationship	Parent App. No.	Filing Date	Status
This Application	Continuation of	09/463,488	May 1, 2000	Pending

### FOREIGN CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

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**OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:**

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

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FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Basic Utility		1001 (\$770)		\$770
Excess Claims > 20	4 - 20 =	1202 (\$18)	0 x 18 =	\$0
Independent > 3	3 - 3 = 0	1201 (\$86)	0 x 86 =	\$0
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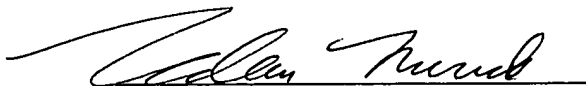
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